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The Council met in Joint Session with the Sri Mulam Assembly in the Legislative Chamber, Public Offices at Eleven of the Clock, the President Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, K. C. I. E., Dewan of Travancore, Presiding.

Lieut. Col. G. P. Murphy, Resident for the Madras States, and Mrs. Murphy were also present.

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai (*Financial Secretary to Government*):

SIR,

The budget for the current year was placed before this House by my predecessor about this time last year in an atmosphere of political unrest and uncertainty. It is well known that a spirit of unrest and disorderliness was prevalent in the country for some months during the year under consideration. The Government, under your sagacious guidance, strove successfully to maintain and preserve peace and order in the land. One of the methods adopted in the course of this agitation was to cast a doubt on the soundness of the State's finances and another was deliberately to disarrange those finances by frontal attacks against the collections of revenue under certain heads. It is a matter for sincere gratification that such attempts have largely failed; but the reactions of the political unrest on the finances of the State will be appreciated clearly when I deal with the revised estimates for the current year. Today all the signs point to the restoration of peace and tranquillity and the elimination of that spirit of disregard for constituted authority which affected, though not to the extent anticipated by the sponsors of the political movement, not only the finances but the general administration of the country. It is therefore in a spirit of optimism that I present for the consideration of this House the budget estimate for the year 1115.

Before coming to a consideration of the revised estimates for the current year and the budget position for the next, I shall first refer briefly to the more important features of the final accounts for the year 1113.

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